GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:107
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2000
TRAINING TO PILOTS AND CREW MEMBERS TO DEAL WITH HIJACKERS .
AVTAR SINGH BHADANA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a)whether any serious thought has been given by the Government to provide special training to pilots and other crew members, keeping in view the hijacking of planes;

(b)whether Government have invited the suggestions of the retired pilots or appointed any High Level Committee in this regard; and

(c)if so, the details regarding the steps the Government have taken to deal with the hijacking of planes?

Answer

- - - - - - THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION
(SHRI SHARAD YADAV) .....
(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENTREFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b) AND (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.107 TO ANSWERED ON 2.3.2000 REGARDING TRAINING TO PILOTS AND CREW MEMBERS TO DEAL WITH HIJACKERS.
(a) Yes, Sir.
(b) No, Sir. However, Government has an open mind and welcomes suggestions in this regard from all quarters.
(c) The following measures have been taken for the safety of air passengers:
i)Deployment of Central Industrial Security Force(CISF) personnel in place of State Police forsecurity duties at the operational airports in a phased manner. The CISF has already taken over the securityduties at Patna, Jaipur, Guwahati, Vadodara and Port Blair airports.
ii)Frisking of passengers and hand baggage at the time of entry into sterile area has been tightened. Ladder point secondary frisking has been introduced.
iii)Strict control on access to the airports is being ensured by comprehensive review of photo-identity cards to restrict the number of pass holders and banning of entry of the visitors upto 31.3.2000.
iv)Deployment of sky marshals on flights at random basis as an added safety precuation.
v)Raising of the perimeter wall to the prescribed height at all the operational airports.
vi)Replacement of old X-Ray machines and installation of new colour X-Ray machines wherever necessaryso as to ensure that at least 2 X-Ray machines are available at every point.
vii)Modernisation and upgradation of security related technological set up of the airports is being done in a phased manner.